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TEXAS
LABOR MARKET REVIEW

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TEXAS ECONOMY STABILIZES

Economic Conditions Improve

The Texas economy demonstrated improvement over the month, as the actual unemployment rate declined from 6.3 percent in September to 6.0 percent in October. The current unemployment rate was well below the 6.8 percent recorded in October 1988 and was the lowest October rate since 1984.

The current jobless rate was very close to the rate recorded in May 1989—before the acceleration of summer jobseekers pushed unemployment upward. The number of jobless Texans declined by almost 21,000, totaling 500,100 in mid-October. Total employment was estimated at 7,792,500, up by 47,900 from the September level. Of the total employed in October, 214,400 were agricultural workers.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate was basically unchanged over the month, edging upward from 6.3 percent to 6.4 percent in October. The rates for the U. S. in both series were also stable between September and October. The seasonally adjusted rate remained at 5.3 percent for both months, while the actual rate for the Nation inched down from 5.1 percent to 5.0 percent in October.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

The number of **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Jobs** in the State rose by over 35,000 between September and October, to a level of 6,843,500. Although the month-to-month increase was slightly below the advance shown for the same period last year, this gain was the largest thus far in 1989—further evidence that the State's economy has stabilized. The number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs was pushed upward primarily by the completion of staffing at private and public schools. Only two major industry groups lost jobs in October, and those decreases were moderate.

The largest declines over the month were in the Retail sector of Trade, which is currently close to 4,000 jobs short of its year-ago level. The **Wholesale and Retail Trade** group lost only 600 jobs in October, as Wholesale Trade added 600 positions. Within Retail Trade, there were two noteable upturns—in General Merchandise Stores and

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Oct.'89	Sep.'89	Oct.'88
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	124,416.0	123,828.0	122,432.0
Unemployment	6,222.0	6,330.0	6,182.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.0%**	**5.1%**	**5.0%**
Total Employment	118,194.0	117,498.0	116,250.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	124,106.0	124,040.0	122,091.0
Unemployment	6,561.0	6,584.0	6,518.0
Percent Unemployed	**5.3%**	**5.3%**	**5.3%**
Total Employment	117,545.0	117,456.0	115,573.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,292.6	8,265.6	8,324.3
Unemployment	500.1	521.0	567.7
Percent Unemployed	**6.0%**	**6.3%**	**6.8%**
Total Employment	7,792.5	7,744.6	7,756.6
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,287.0	8,253.0	8,309.0
Unemployment	534.0	516.0	601.0
Percent Unemployed	**6.4%**	**6.3%**	**7.2%**
Total Employment	7,753.0	7,737.0	7,708.0

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT ✣

Industry	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	49,600	49,600	49,800	76,900	76,700	77,400	357,700	356,200	355,500	135,700	135,200	133,100
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,900	8,700	8,500	9,400	42,300	42,000	41,700	25,500	25,600	25,300
Mining	1,900	1,800	2,100	1,100	1,200	1,300	700	700	700	2,000	1,900	1,700
Construction	1,700	1,800	2,100	4,000	4,000	3,800	12,800	12,900	14,300	9,900	9,700	8,900
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,500	2,400	2,500	5,600	5,600	5,500	10,500	10,400	10,400	9,400	9,400	9,400
Trade	13,600	13,700	13,700	22,500	22,600	22,800	76,800	76,700	76,700	32,500	32,600	32,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,500	2,500	2,400	4,000	4,000	4,300	23,800	23,900	24,300	5,200	5,200	5,200
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,500	13,200	17,200	17,100	16,800	86,800	86,400	84,700	30,500	30,300	29,700
Government	9,000	8,900	8,900	13,800	13,700	13,500	104,000	103,200	102,700	20,700	20,500	20,500
	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	61,800	60,800	59,500	70,400	69,700	69,400	52,500	52,100	50,900	128,100	127,100	125,100
Manufacturing	16,000	16,000	15,500	10,200	10,100	10,100	3,700	3,700	3,300	11,300	11,300	11,200
Mining	1,900	1,900	2,000	—	—	—	600	600	600	3,900	4,000	4,200
Construction	7,400	7,200	7,000	2,100	2,300	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,000	10,100	9,600	8,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,900	2,800	2,600	3,000	3,000	3,200	1,500	1,500	1,500	6,400	6,500	6,600
Trade	11,500	11,500	11,000	18,300	18,000	18,400	10,800	10,800	10,900	31,600	31,900	31,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,600	3,600	3,600	1,600	1,600	1,500	7,000	7,000	6,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	8,300	16,100	15,900	15,400	9,000	9,100	9,000	29,200	29,100	28,700
Government	11,400	10,800	11,100	17,100	16,800	16,800	23,400	22,900	22,100	28,600	27,700	27,900
	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,365.3	1,359.2	1,350.5	199,100	199,500	195,700	540,500	540,000	530,400	70,600	71,700	71,100
Manufacturing	219.9	220.3	222.9	41,700	42,200	40,700	121,000	121,000	121,300	8,300	8,300	8,200
Mining	16.9	17.1	18.2	—	—	—	4,000	3,900	3,700	500	500	500
Construction	51.2	51.2	53.1	8,000	8,100	9,000	23,000	22,900	22,700	4,600	4,800	4,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	97.3	96.9	92.0	10,900	10,900	10,700	32,600	32,400	30,300	4,800	4,700	4,800
Trade	353.4	350.1	347.8	49,300	49,100	46,300	139,300	139,400	137,700	13,700	14,700	14,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	126.1	125.7	128.3	8,300	8,300	8,400	27,200	27,200	26,700	4,000	4,100	4,300
Services & Misc.	345.4	343.6	336.9	38,900	39,100	39,500	123,100	123,700	119,100	14,400	14,500	13,900
Government	155.1	154.3	151.3	42,000	41,800	41,100	70,300	69,500	68,900	20,300	20,100	20,900
	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,486.0	1,479.8	1,449.4	72,400	72,500	71,700	41,600	41,200	39,200	66,800	66,700	66,700
Manufacturing	158.6	158.4	155.8	8,400	8,500	8,400	1,900	1,900	1,900	15,300	15,300	15,700
Mining	67.2	66.6	67.2	100	100	100	1,800	1,900	1,900	3,600	3,600	3,700
Construction	90.2	90.5	89.2	3,300	3,300	3,700	1,200	1,200	1,100	3,100	3,200	3,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	100.5	100.7	101.0	2,700	2,700	2,700	5,700	5,700	4,900	3,200	3,200	3,100
Trade	365.7	368.1	357.0	16,700	16,700	16,400	13,300	12,900	11,400	17,200	17,200	17,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	99.6	100.0	101.1	3,100	3,100	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,700	2,700	2,600
Services & Misc.	404.1	402.9	385.3	16,600	16,700	16,100	6,500	6,500	6,400	13,100	13,000	12,400
Government	200.1	194.6	192.8	21,500	21,400	21,300	9,600	9,500	10,000	8,600	8,500	8,500
	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	97,400	96,500	94,300	96,000	94,800	97,400	43,800	43,800	44,800	42,400	42,200	43,200
Manufacturing	7,600	7,700	7,400	13,600	13,700	13,200	2,500	2,500	2,600	3,900	3,900	4,000
Mining	400	400	400	900	900	1,000	9,400	9,400	9,900	5,700	5,700	5,700
Construction	3,200	3,200	3,300	4,000	4,200	4,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,800	1,800	2,200
Trans., Comm. & Util.	4,900	4,800	4,800	3,100	3,100	3,100	2,200	2,200	2,300	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trade	29,100	28,400	28,200	28,900	28,500	30,900	9,900	10,000	10,100	12,600	12,600	12,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,600	5,700	5,400	4,000	3,800	3,700	2,200	2,200	2,300	1,600	1,600	1,700
Services & Misc.	23,600	23,800	23,000	16,500	16,300	15,800	9,400	9,400	9,600	7,200	7,100	7,200
Government	23,000	22,500	21,800	25,000	24,300	25,500	6,800	6,700	6,600	7,500	7,400	7,500
	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	36,000	35,900	36,600	509,700	506,700	504,700	37,100	36,800	37,500	47,000	46,600	45,200
Manufacturing	5,400	5,300	5,300	47,600	47,500	47,700	11,000	10,900	11,100	7,600	7,600	7,500
Mining	500	500	500	2,100	2,100	2,300	100	100	100	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,500	22,000	22,200	23,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,700	3,100	18,900	18,900	19,000	1,700	1,700	1,900	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trade	9,100	9,100	9,200	126,100	126,800	126,500	7,800	7,800	8,000	10,900	10,800	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,800	1,800	40,600	40,400	39,900	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,000	8,100	8,100	130,300	129,700	126,200	8,700	8,600	8,500	9,900	9,900	9,500
Government	7,400	7,300	7,100	122,100	119,100	117,400	4,300	4,300	4,400	13,000	12,700	12,200
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	62,000	61,100	60,600	28,200	28,500	27,300	80,300	79,900	80,300	50,700	50,300	51,100
Manufacturing	11,400	10,800	10,500	3,100	3,000	3,000	15,100	15,200	14,900	8,100	8,000	8,200
Mining	2,000	2,000	1,900	1,300	1,200	1,500	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000	1,600	1,600	1,500	3,000	3,200	3,800	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,500	1,300	1,400	1,400	3,400	3,400	3,400	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	16,300	16,400	16,000	7,600	7,800	7,500	18,700	18,800	18,600	12,200	12,100	12,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,300	3,400	1,500	1,600	1,500	4,900	4,800	4,900	2,300	2,300	2,300
Services & Misc.	14,800	14,700	14,800	6,000	6,200	6,000	22,100	21,800	21,800	12,000	11,900	12,000
Government	9,400	9,200	9,500	5,800	5,700	4,900	13,000	12,600	12,800	9,800	9,700	9,900

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in the Other Retail Trade category, which includes specialty stores. Expansion in these sectors indicates the beginning of holiday hiring which should accelerate in the next two months.

The decrease in Retail Trade was concentrated in Eating and Drinking Places, where attrition normally occurs following the summer months. Employers in this sector deleted over 5,000 jobs in October.

The only other major industry which declined over the month was **Construction**, where employment dropped by 400 leaving the industry 13,000 jobs below its year-ago level. Since February of this year, however, Construction has regained close to 20,000 jobs Statewide (**see Chart below**).

The largest number of accessions between September and October were concentrated in education, as auxiliary staffing of private and public schools and colleges was completed. In State and Local Government, there were an additional 23,000 jobs created over the month, primarily within educational facilities. Combined with these large gains was a moderate increase in Federal Government, pushing the **Government** total up by 24,000.

Hiring of part-time faculty members for private schools and universities generated a sizeable number of new jobs in Educational Services. Other Services and Miscellaneous recorded the largest increase within **Services** in October. The growth was due to additions in fraternal and parent-teacher organizations associated with the beginning of the school year. Business and Repair Services also registered a moderate increase. The only downturn within Services was a seasonal downturn in Amusements, Including Motion Pictures, as remaining outdoor parks began closing for the winter.

A moderate increase in Transportation by Air and in Other Passenger Transit was the only significant change within **Transportation and Public Utilities**, which rose by 1,400 over the month. Other sectors of this group were basically unchanged.

After a sizeable drop in employment between August and September, Oil and Gas Extraction added only 400 jobs in October, leaving the **Mining** total very close to its June 1989 level.

Another sector which reflected little change during the past month was **Finance, Insurance and Real Estate**, which rose by only 200 jobs in October. A modest increase in Banking was partially nullified by a decline in Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate.

Following three consecutive months of fairly sharp decreases, the Durable Goods sector of Manufacturing inched upward by only 300 jobs between September and October. The Nondurable Goods segment, however, recorded fairly strong growth.

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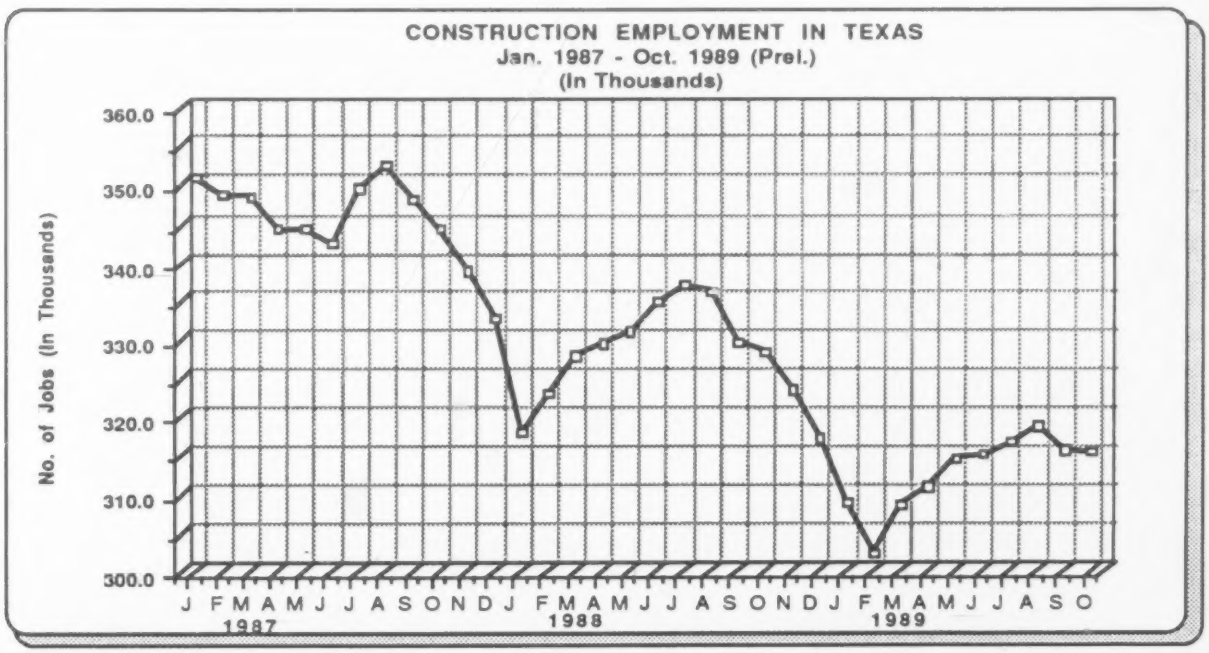
CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT IN TEXAS
Jan. 1987 - Oct. 1989 (Prel.)
(In Thousands)
No. of Jobs (In Thousands)
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TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT +

	Oct.'89*	Sep.'89**	Oct.'88**	Chg. from Sep.'89	Chg. from Oct.'88
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	**6,843,500**	**6,807,900**	**6,720,900**	**35,600**	**122,600**
MANUFACTURING	**970,100**	**968,100**	**966,400**	**2,000**	**3,700**
Durable Goods	**555,200**	**554,900**	**559,000**	**300**	**-3,800**
Lumber & Wood Products	31,900	31,900	34,600	0	-2,700
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,800	6,800	7,100	0	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,700	16,300	16,400	400	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	41,300	41,300	41,700	0	-400
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	16,800	16,900	17,200	-100	-400
Primary Metal Industries	28,600	28,400	28,600	200	0
Fabricated Metal Industries	77,600	78,000	77,000	-400	600
Fabr. Structructural Metal Prod.	36,900	37,000	36,300	-100	600
Machinery, exc. Electrical	104,500	104,600	105,700	-100	-1,200
Oil Field Machinery	24,000	24,000	25,600	0	-1,600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	115,900	116,000	117,800	-100	-1,900
Transportation Equipment	99,100	98,900	98,200	200	900
Aircraft & Parts	57,200	57,000	56,500	200	700
Instruments & Related Prod.	24,800	24,800	24,200	0	600
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	14,800	14,700	14,800	100	0
Nondurable Goods	**414,900**	**413,200**	**407,400**	**1,700**	**7,500**
Food & Kindred Products	98,600	98,500	98,300	100	300
Meat Products	29,500	29,500	28,800	0	700
Dairy Products	4,500	4,500	4,600	0	-100
Bakery Products	9,800	9,800	9,900	0	-100
Malt Beverages	2,900	2,900	3,000	0	-100
Textile Mill Products	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	59,400	59,200	56,600	200	2,800
Paper & Allied Products	25,600	25,500	25,100	100	500
Printing & Publishing	75,000	74,700	75,500	300	-500
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	35,000	34,900	35,600	100	-600
Chemicals & Allied Products	80,000	79,400	77,000	600	3,000
Petroleum & Coal Products	28,300	28,300	29,000	0	-700
Petroleum Refining	25,200	25,200	25,700	0	-500
Leather & Leather Products	8,200	8,100	8,300	100	-100
Other Nondurable Goods	35,900	35,600	33,800	300	2,100
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	**5,873,400**	**5,839,800**	**5,754,500**	**33,600**	**118,900**
Mining	**176,700**	**176,300**	**183,300**	**400**	**-6,600**
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., exc. Fuel	8,900	8,900	9,200	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	167,800	167,400	174,100	400	-6,300
Construction	**315,100**	**315,500**	**328,100**	**-400**	**-13,000**
Transportation & Public Utilities	**406,500**	**405,100**	**394,800**	**1,400**	**11,700**
Railroad Transportation	19,000	19,000	20,500	0	-1,500
Transportation, exc. Railroads	229,300	228,200	216,700	1,100	12,600
Transportation by Air	71,200	70,600	66,000	600	5,200
Communication, exc. U.S. Postal Service	81,900	81,700	81,700	200	200
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	76,300	76,200	75,900	100	400
Electric Services	40,800	40,800	40,700	0	100
Gas Production & Distribution	27,400	27,400	27,500	0	-100
Wholesale & Retail Trade	**1,663,100**	**1,663,700**	**1,660,000**	**-600**	**3,100**
Wholesale Trade	418,600	418,000	411,900	600	6,700
Retail Trade	1,244,500	1,245,700	1,248,100	-1,200	-3,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	43,800	43,800	42,600	0	1,200
General Merchandise Stores	174,100	171,600	168,700	2,500	5,400
Food Stores	217,800	217,200	225,100	600	-7,300
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	133,200	133,400	137,100	-200	-3,900
Apparel & Accessory Stores	83,700	84,000	83,400	-300	300
Eating & Drinking Places	410,100	415,300	409,700	-5,200	400
Other Retail Trade	181,800	180,400	181,500	1,400	300
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	**441,500**	**441,300**	**438,800**	**200**	**2,700**
Banking	97,400	97,100	94,200	300	3,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,200	144,100	140,900	100	3,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	199,900	200,100	203,700	-200	-3,800
Services	**1,617,100**	**1,608,500**	**1,547,200**	**8,600**	**69,900**
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	83,700	83,400	82,300	300	1,400
Personal Services	85,400	85,000	86,000	400	-600
Business & Repair Services	460,500	458,800	434,000	1,700	26,500
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	59,400	61,000	55,600	-1,600	3,800
Health Services	443,400	442,400	424,800	1,000	18,600
Educational Services	77,100	74,800	77,300	2,300	-200
Other Services & Miscellaneous	407,600	403,100	387,200	4,500	20,400
Total Government	**1,253,400**	**1,229,400**	**1,202,300**	**24,000**	**51,100**
Federal Government	200,100	199,400	195,300	700	4,800
State Government	261,500	256,000	245,700	5,500	15,800
Local Government	791,800	774,000	761,300	17,800	30,500

+ Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES ✣
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**	OCT.'89*	SEP.'89**	OCT.'88**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	53,700	53,500	54,300	97,800	98,300	100,000	421,400	419,900	426,300
Total Unemployment	3,100	3,200	3,100	4,800	5,500	6,100	20,500	21,600	24,000
Percent Unemployed	5.8%	6.0%	5.7%	4.9%	5.6%	6.1%	4.9%	5.1%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	50,600	50,300	51,200	93,000	92,800	93,900	400,900	398,300	402,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	162,100	161,900	163,200	84,300	83,800	83,300	99,800	98,600	99,100
Total Unemployment	12,100	12,800	15,200	5,100	5,500	5,900	11,000	11,200	11,500
Percent Unemployed	7.5%	7.9%	9.3%	6.0%	6.6%	7.1%	11.0%	11.4%	11.6%
Total Employment ++	150,000	149,100	148,000	79,200	78,300	77,400	88,800	87,400	87,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	61,500	60,900	60,500	156,800	156,100	157,400	1,450.3	1,443.0	1,460.0
Total Unemployment	2,400	2,300	2,700	11,300	12,100	13,700	72.6	75.4	82.0
Percent Unemployed	3.9%	3.8%	4.5%	7.2%	7.8%	8.7%	5.0%	5.2%	5.6%
Total Employment ++	59,100	58,600	57,800	145,500	144,000	143,700	1,377.7	1,367.6	1,378.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	244,500	245,000	244,400	687,800	686,400	687,200	103,600	104,500	105,800
Total Unemployment	23,800	24,000	25,700	34,800	36,700	40,300	7,400	7,400	8,400
Percent Unemployed	9.7%	9.8%	10.5%	5.1%	5.3%	5.9%	7.1%	7.1%	7.9%
Total Employment ++	220,700	221,000	218,700	653,000	649,700	646,900	96,200	97,100	97,400
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,650.8	1,645.2	1,634.3	96,300	96,000	96,600	49,900	49,200	48,000
Total Unemployment	88.7	93.0	100.9	6,600	6,500	7,800	4,900	5,100	5,600
Percent Unemployed	5.4%	5.7%	6.2%	6.9%	6.8%	8.1%	9.8%	10.4%	11.7%
Total Employment ++	1,562.1	1,552.2	1,533.4	89,700	89,500	88,800	45,000	44,100	42,400
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,300	79,200	80,500	115,400	114,600	114,200	153,800	150,600	156,400
Total Unemployment	5,800	6,200	6,800	4,700	5,100	5,700	25,200	26,000	25,300
Percent Unemployed	7.3%	7.8%	8.4%	4.1%	4.5%	5.0%	16.4%	17.3%	16.2%
Total Employment ++	73,500	73,000	73,700	110,700	109,500	108,500	128,600	124,600	131,100
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	48,900	48,800	49,700	51,000	51,300	52,900	44,400	44,600	45,700
Total Unemployment	2,700	2,900	2,700	3,600	4,000	3,900	2,400	2,600	2,700
Percent Unemployed	5.5%	5.9%	5.4%	7.1%	7.8%	7.4%	5.4%	5.8%	5.9%
Total Employment ++	46,200	45,900	47,000	47,400	47,300	49,000	42,000	42,000	43,000
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	602,900	600,100	609,100	47,000	47,000	48,500	58,000	57,400	57,300
Total Unemployment	40,800	41,800	46,000	2,400	2,600	3,200	3,400	3,500	4,300
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	7.0%	7.6%	5.1%	5.5%	6.6%	5.9%	6.1%	7.5%
Total Employment ++	562,100	558,300	563,100	44,600	44,400	45,300	54,600	53,900	53,000
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	75,200	74,600	75,000	36,400	36,800	36,100	92,700	92,100	93,700
Total Unemployment	4,700	5,100	5,400	1,900	2,100	2,300	4,800	4,900	5,700
Percent Unemployed	6.3%	6.8%	7.2%	5.2%	5.7%	6.4%	5.2%	5.3%	6.1%
Total Employment ++	70,500	69,500	69,600	34,500	34,700	33,800	87,900	87,200	88,000
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,100	56,200	57,300				8,292.6	8,265.6	8,324.3
Total Unemployment	2,900	3,200	3,200				500.1	521.0	567.7
Percent Unemployed	5.2%	5.7%	5.6%				6.0%	6.3%	6.8%
Total Employment ++	53,200	53,000	54,100				7,792.5	7,744.6	7,756.6

✣ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ++ Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
* Preliminary – subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS ✣

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT.'89	SEP.'89	OCT.'88	OCT.'89	SEP.'89	OCT.'88	OCT.'89	SEP.'89	OCT.'88
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 429.29	$ 429.70	$ 418.42	41.8	41.8	41.8	$ 10.27	$10.28	$10.01
Durable Goods	425.98	430.92	420.88	41.6	42.0	42.3	10.24	10.26	9.95
Lumber & Wood Products	290.09	289.44	296.49	40.8	40.2	41.7	7.11	7.20	7.11
Furniture & Fixtures	261.29	265.00	275.26	38.2	38.8	40.9	6.84	6.83	6.73
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	401.32	391.56	406.50	42.2	41.7	42.7	9.51	9.39	9.52
Primary Metal Industries	464.57	465.63	451.86	41.9	42.1	41.8	11.09	11.06	10.81
Fabricated Metal Products	393.69	388.81	385.15	42.7	42.4	42.7	9.22	9.17	9.02
Machinery, exc. Electric	416.07	424.37	429.54	41.4	42.1	43.3	10.05	10.08	9.92
Oil Field Machinery	502.85	514.05	488.12	43.2	44.2	44.7	11.64	11.63	10.92
Electric & Electronic Equip.	479.22	489.41	440.18	42.0	42.3	41.1	11.41	11.57	10.71
Transportation Equipment	566.75	578.99	574.60	42.2	43.5	44.2	13.43	13.31	13.00
Instruments & Related Prod.	385.73	397.76	380.80	39.4	40.3	40.0	9.79	9.87	9.52
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	285.22	299.09	278.14	38.7	40.2	38.9	7.37	7.44	7.15
Nondurable Goods	433.02	429.51	415.30	42.0	41.7	41.2	10.31	10.30	10.08
Food & Kindred Products	363.15	363.58	336.49	43.7	43.7	41.8	8.31	8.32	8.05
Meat Products	296.76	288.42	254.59	45.1	43.9	41.6	6.58	6.57	6.12
Malt Beverages	783.13	861.65	813.54	42.4	46.5	45.5	18.47	18.53	17.88
Textile Mill Products	324.36	336.05	325.82	42.4	43.7	43.5	7.65	7.69	7.49
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	211.18	201.63	195.75	39.4	37.9	37.5	5.36	5.32	5.22
Paper & Allied Products	488.32	496.81	469.78	43.6	44.2	43.7	11.20	11.24	10.75
Printing & Publishing	407.16	407.94	402.19	39.0	39.0	39.2	10.44	10.46	10.26
Chemicals & Allied Products	709.81	691.55	669.96	43.6	42.9	42.7	16.28	16.12	15.69
Petroleum & Coal Products	713.41	709.24	699.54	44.7	44.3	44.5	15.96	16.01	15.72
Petroleum Refining	739.91	737.04	729.05	44.6	44.4	44.4	16.59	16.60	16.42
Leather & Leather Products	248.40	243.18	222.90	40.0	38.6	38.9	6.21	6.30	5.73
Other Nondurable Goods	388.83	386.82	391.13	41.9	42.0	42.7	9.28	9.21	9.16
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	529.02	530.64	514.90	40.6	40.6	40.8	13.03	13.07	12.62
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	537.28	553.14	550.13	46.0	46.6	46.7	11.68	11.87	11.78
Oil & Gas Extraction	528.23	529.43	512.27	40.2	40.2	40.4	13.14	13.17	12.68
Commun., exc. U.S. Postal Service	523.40	519.30	491.60	40.2	40.1	38.8	13.02	12.95	12.67
Elec., Gas & San. Services	529.72	512.09	482.60	41.0	41.0	39.3	12.92	12.49	12.28
Wholesale & Retail Trade	239.04	238.96	232.44	32.7	32.6	32.6	7.31	7.33	7.13
Wholesale Trade	423.06	421.48	404.09	40.1	39.8	39.5	10.55	10.59	10.23
Retail Trade	183.31	183.62	181.15	30.4	30.4	30.6	6.03	6.04	5.92
General Merchandise Stores	181.49	181.78	174.05	29.9	29.8	29.6	6.07	6.10	5.88
Banking	295.37	274.91	281.01	39.7	37.0	38.6	7.44	7.43	7.28

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 436.96	$ 433.47	$ 415.75	42.3	41.8	41.7	$ 10.33	$ 10.37	$ 9.97
Durable Goods	468.50	465.19	442.04	43.1	42.6	42.3	10.87	10.92	10.45
Nondurable Goods	385.81	382.05	371.59	41.0	40.6	40.7	9.41	9.41	9.13
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	456.62	461.03	456.60	41.1	41.2	42.2	11.11	11.19	10.82
Durable Goods	482.10	487.34	482.78	41.1	41.3	42.8	11.73	11.80	11.28
Nondurable Goods	396.20	398.52	392.76	41.1	41.0	40.7	9.64	9.72	9.65
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	519.91	525.92	500.98	43.8	43.9	44.1	11.87	11.98	11.36
Durable Goods	434.17	438.57	427.00	43.9	44.3	44.9	9.89	9.90	9.51
Nondurable Goods	624.91	630.88	589.96	43.7	43.3	43.0	14.30	14.57	13.72
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	299.09	302.94	298.45	40.2	40.5	39.9	7.44	7.48	7.48
Durable Goods	334.96	333.74	321.75	40.7	40.9	39.0	8.23	8.16	8.25
Nondurable Goods	267.98	276.98	277.98	39.7	40.2	40.7	6.75	6.89	6.83

✣Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. *Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

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increasing by 1,700 jobs over the month. Expansion in this sector pushed the **Manufacturing** total up by 2,000 in October.

Employment in **Durable Goods** has fluctuated throughout 1989. The September employment level for this sector was the lowest since April 1988, and the addition of 300 jobs in October did little to alleviate the losses.

The largest increase in Durable Goods over the month was an increase of 400 jobs in Furniture and Fixtures. Smaller advances occurred in Primary Metal Industries and in Transportation Equipment. These increases were largely offset by declines in Fabricated Metal Industries, Nonelectrical Machinery, and in Electric and Electronic Equipment.

Two Durable Goods industries were showing significant over-the-year declines. Electric and Electronic Equipment, where much of the "high-tech" manufacturing is concentrated, had declined by almost 2,000 jobs from October 1988. The Oil Field Machinery segment of Nonelectrical Machinery was responsible for the loss of 1,600 jobs between October 1988 and October 1989. A small portion of that decrease was offset by modest growth in other portions of this industry.

There were no decreases in October within **Nondurable Goods**, although a few industries remained unchanged over the month. The largest gain was recorded in Chemicals and Allied Products, where 600 jobs were added as demand increased. Printing and Publishing rose by 300 in October, while Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products recorded a smaller gain. Minor increases were also reported in Paper and Allied Products and in Leather and Leather Products.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	OCT.'89	OCT.'88
Total Population	16,910,300*	16,851,500*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.5	1.6
UI Covered Employers	311,882	311,410
Total Claims Actions	531,447	468,966
Total Initial Claims Actions	68,520	61,500
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	462,927	407,466
Total Placements	37,263	32,488
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$152.48	$149.44
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$59,232,123	$51,467,194

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

Average Weekly Earnings Decline

For the estimated 628,600 Texas Manufacturing Production workers, Average Hourly Earnings decreased by 1¢ between September and October, while Average Weekly Hours worked remained unchanged, dropping Average Weekly Earnings by 41¢ over the month. Most of the decline in the number of hours worked was centered in the Durable Goods sector.

In mid-October a worker, on average, was earning $10.27 per hour for a 41.8-hour week and making $429.29 in Weekly Earnings. Although the number of hours worked was unchanged both from a month ago and a year ago, Average Hourly Earnings had risen by 26¢ over the year, pushing Average Weekly Earnings up by $10.87 from the October 1988 level.